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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE GERMAN ZIRCONIUM TUBING SALE TO INDIA

1. BOTH AECB AND EXTAFF SAFEGUARDS PERSONNEL RECENTLY EXPRESSED CONCERN TO EMBASSY SCICOUNS THAT SOME 500 KILOGRAMS OF ZIRCONIUM TUBING (PRESUMED TO BE IN FINISHED FORM SUITABLE FOR USE IN CANDU TYPE REACTORS) HAS BEEN SOLD BY GERMANY TO INDIA. CANADIAN OFFICIALS RECOGNIZE THAT SAFE GUARDS GUIDE LINES PERMIT 500 KILOGRAMS SALES BUT ARE CONCERNED THAT FRG INDUSTRY AND OFFICIALS MAY BE INTERPRETING THIS AS AUTOMATIC ALLOWABLE SALE WHICH CAN BE ROUTINELY MADE WITHOUT INVOKING SAFE GUAURDS RATHER THAN AS LIMIT TO ACCOMMODATE INSIGNIFICANT QUANTITIES WHEN CONDITIONS WARRANT.

2. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, GOC CONTINUES TO VIEW INDIAN SITUATION AS DELICATE, SENSITIVE, AND FROUGHT WITH POTENTIAL DANGER FOR THE ENTIRE SAFEGUARDS STRUCTURE. IT CAN BE ANTICIPATED THAT THEIR FEARS WILL NOT BE LESSENERED BY RECENT ANNOUNCEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO MRS. GANDHI TO EFFECT THAT INDIA INTENDS TO CONTINUE NUCLEAR DEVICE TESTING. DEPARTMENT MAY DESIRE TO INVESTIGATE THIS REPORT FURTHER.

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